



# Brownfields 2005 Grant Fact Sheet

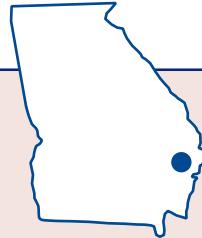
## Hinesville, GA

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Hinesville was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Hinesville (population 30,392), founded in 1836, is located in coastal Georgia, approximately 30 miles southwest of Savannah. The economy and culture of the city are inextricably linked to the Fort Stewart Military Reservation, the largest Army installation east of the Mississippi River and the area's largest employer. Over 55 percent of city residents are minorities, nearly 14 percent live in poverty, and the median household income is 44 percent of that of the state. Downtown Hinesville has many older commercial and residential buildings that have not benefitted from the city's rapid growth. During the process of adopting a number of revitaliza-



### Assessment Grant

New  
2005

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Hinesville for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct community outreach activities, perform Phase I and II site assessments, and develop cleanup and reuse plans for sites throughout the city. Funds also will be used to monitor the health of residents in neighborhoods surrounding the sites.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

tion plans over the past few years, the city has identified several abandoned and underutilized sites that warrant further investigation. At least 20 percent of these properties contain petroleum contamination. Assessment and cleanup of the sites will allow the city to move forward with its plan to revitalize its downtown core and surrounding residential and commercial properties.